

2017: a year teaming up for change

Dear partners, friends, community members, Council and funders,

Our work at the NNHF would not be possible if it weren't for the passion and dedication of our international partner network. This year's Activity Report is all about how that network can 'Team up for change' in ways that have a sustainable impact on the lives of those with haemophilia and allied bleeding disorders.

Teaming up can take on many different forms. NNHF Community Award winner, Marión Echenagucia, for example has been teaming up with labs across Latin America on various educational and scientific activities, energised by her passion for sharing knowledge. The Project of the Year Award winning Uganda 2 project has been teaming up by creating networks with religious and community organisations so that they can work together to identify and provide support to people with haemophilia.

Throughout this report, which for the first time is only being published online, you will see and hopefully be inspired by stories from our partners that reflect elements of teaming up for change. We are also pleased to share the results of our 2017 impact assessment, which provides an overview and examples of the change being created by our partners. New features of the report include the 'Meet the teams' and 'Thank you to expert volunteers' sections, which provide more information about some of the people helping to drive forward NNHF project activities.

Since the NNHF was established in 2005, we have worked with partners on 230 programmes covering 69 countries. In 2017, we saw our long-term partnerships in countries such as China, Mexico and Uzbekistan continue to thrive, and developed new ones in countries such as Ethiopia, Rwanda and Zambia. Whilst our partners and their project activities may be diverse, what joins us together is our pursuit of the vision that all people with haemophilia or allied bleeding disorders receive care and treatment wherever they live.

2017 brought with it many changes and we are thankful to the NNHF team for their constant ability to adapt to new environments. With our respective experiences of a first year in the general manager role, and the first NNHF field visit as Council President, we have never ceased to be impressed by the positive spirit and commitment of all those we encounter in our roles.

We would like to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to team up with you for a change that has a great impact, and we are looking forward to continuing to collaborate with you all in the year ahead.

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General manager



Mike Rulis
NNHF Council president



Denise presents the 2017 NNHF Community Award to Marión Echenagucia from Venezuela.



Mike meets Enkhsuld Terbish, who has severe haemophilia A, during his first NNHF field visit to Mongolia.